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C O N F I D E N T I A L PARAMARIBO 593

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SUBJ: SURINAM'S ANSWER TO GUYANA IN THE PRESS

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. SOME ELEMENTS OF SURINAMESE REPLY
TO GUYANA'S APRIL 12 PROTEST NOTE OVER ALLEGED MALTREATMENT
OF GUYANESE NATIONALS AND BORDER QUESTIONS HAVE REACHED THE
LOCAL PRESS BUT POSSIBLY IN SOMEWHAT GARBLED FORM. ONE OF
THE TWO MAJOR MORNING PAPERS, "VRIJE STEM," PUBLISHED A STORY
IN ITS APRIL 25 EDITION HEADLINING SURINAM GOVERNMENT'S
DESIRE TO RESUME DISCUSSIONS WITH GUYANA OVER BORDER QUES-
TIONS ON THE BASIS OF PREVIOUSLY REACHED AGREEMENTS WITH
FORMER GUYANESE FOREIGN MINISTER WILLS. STORY GOES ON TO
DESCRIBE NOTE AS REAFFIRMING SURINAM'S CLAIM TO THE "FULL WIDTH"
OF THE CORANTIJN RIVER AND ASSERTING THAT SURINAM CANNOT
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PERMIT ANY "LIMITATIONS BY FOREIGN POWERS ON THE EXERCISE
OF ITS SOVEREIGNTY OVER ITS TERRITORY." SAME ARTICLE ALSO
REPORTS THAT GUYANESE AMBASSADOR SAUL RETURNED TO GEORGE-
TOWN APRIL 23 TO HAND-CARRY ARRON'S REPLY BACK TO THE
GUYANESE GOVERNMENT (GOG). END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: GUYANESE EMBASSY HAS CONFIRMED

SAUL'S DEPARTURE FOR GEORGETOWN AND ALSO REPORTED TO US THAT SURINAMESE NOTE WAS GIVEN TO SAUL BY PRIME MINISTER ARRON IN A SEALED ENVELOPE WITH NO DISCUSSION OF ITS CONTENTS. SAUL REPORTEDLY TOOK THE SEALED ENVELOPE WITH HIM AND GUYANESE EMBASSY HERE STILL HAS NOW KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT IS IN THE NOTE. GUYANESE EMBASSY SAID THAT ARRON HAD INDICATED HE WOULD KEEP THE CONTENTS OF THE NOTE QUIET AT LEAST UNTIL SAUL HOPEFULLY RETURNS FROM GEORGETOWN WHILE NOTING, HOWEVER, THAT IF PARLIAMENT, FOR EXAMPLE, ASKED HIM ABOUT THE NOTE HE WOULD HAVE TO RELEASE IT TO THEM. ZURHELLEN

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